

CONGRESS.

Abstract of the More Important Proceedings of Both Houses.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21.

In the House, the Senate bill for the exclusion and deportation of alien anarchists was called up. Mr. Warner objected to the consideration of the bill, "I regret," said he, "that I must always stand here and protest against putting in the hands of administrative officers the enormous power conferred by this bill."

"Does not the gentleman know," interrupted Mr. McMillin, "that 500 anarchists, whose descriptions are already in the hands of the police, are on their way to these shores?"

"The gentleman from New York," replied Mr. Warner, "cannot be paucified, and he objects to giving to officers the power to deport persons as they may deem offenders."

"Whenever a word is used in a statute," suggested Mr. Oates, "it is given the common-law interpretation."

"There is no definition of anarchy in common law," replied Mr. Warner, "and I object to the consideration of this bill."

Mr. Hartman (Mont.) presented resolutions for the free coinage of silver, which are regarded by the free-silver advocates as the most significant expressions in favor of their doctrine which have been elicited by the agitation of the past year. The resolutions have been considered and adopted during the present session by the House, and are now in the hands of the Senate.

The resolutions are signed by the chief officers of the various unions. The signers are: J. R. Sovereign, General Master Workman, and John W. Hayes, Secretary of the Knights of Labor; Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor; Marion Butler, President of the National Farmers' Alliance; Henry H. Trevelyan, President of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; P. M. Arthur, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; A. Robinson, President of the United Mine Workers' Mutual Benefit Association; Frank Sargent, Grand Master, and F. W. Arnold, Secretary and Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; and John McElrath, President of the United Mine Workers of America.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22.

In the Senate, the deficiency bill was received from the House, and having been signed by the Speaker, the Vice President immediately attached his signature.

The absence of a quorum was immediately pointed out by Mr. Aldrich (R., I.), and only 32 Senators answered the roll-call, 11 less than a quorum.

A consultation was immediately held among the Democratic Senators, Mr. Blackburn (Ky., D.), urging that the measures should be referred to the Senate for consideration. The decision of this impromptu caucus seemed to be in the affirmative, as Mr. Harris (Tenn., D.) moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow.

There was a long delay while the list of absentees was being made up for the Sergeant-at-Arms.

A quorum was obtained later, and immediately afterward the Senate went into Executive session on motion of Mr. Cockrell (Mo., D.). At 1:40 p. m. the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23.

In the Senate, immediately after the absence of a quorum was pointed out by Mr. Manderson (Neb., R.), and the roll being called showed the presence of 33 Senators. Mr. Harris moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to request the presence of absent Senators, but Mr. Pusey and Mr. Cockrell pointed out that the Sergeant-at-Arms had already been directed to do so, and the latter asked that the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms be read. This was dated Aug. 23 (to-day), and reported that of the 32 Senators present yesterday only two were in the city, and one of these (Mr. Voorhees) was too ill to attend. The others were telegraphed to attend immediately. Up to 12:40 o'clock 35 Senators had responded.

Mr. Harris then moved that the order given yesterday to the Sergeant-at-Arms to request the presence of absent Senators having proved ineffective, he moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to compel their attendance, and this was agreed to.

In the House, there was, as usual, a great rush on the part of members for recognition to pass bills of local importance. Mr. Byrum demanded the regular order. Thereupon Mr. Cummings, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, presented the report of the committee on the armor-plate frauds. With it he presented a joint resolution to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Navy to remove from the Hawaiian Islands, and from the ships Oregon, Indiana, and Massachusetts, and the cruiser Monterey, certain specified armor plates and to subject them to the ballistic test at the Indian Head proving ground. The resolution also directed a speedy report on these tests.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hudson (Kan., F.) introduced a bill for the appointment of a committee of three members instead of one. One would represent each political party, including the Populists; they would hold office for six years, and in disputed cases a majority of the committee would decide. Mr. Hudson also introduced a bill for the coinage of all silver from American mines into standard silver dollars.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24.

In the Senate, Mr. George asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence from his colleague, Mr. McLaughlin, on account of serious illness in his family, and then Mr. Harris, moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of Executive business.

This was agreed to, and at 12:05 p. m. the Senate went into Executive session.

After the Executive session some legislative business was done, and the House bill was passed: House bill to provide for the collection of Internal Revenue; to carry into effect the provisions of the convention between the United States and Venezuela relative to the arbitration and settlement of the claim of the Venezuela Steam Transportation Company; fixing the salary of the United States Commissioner in the Venezuela claim arbitration at \$5,000; also House bill granting right of way through the Arlington Military reservation for electric railway purposes.

The House concurrent resolution for final adjournment of Congress on Tuesday at 2 o'clock was laid before the Senate, and at the request of Mr. Cockrell it was agreed to.

The Senate also agreed that when it adjourns to-day it be to meet on Monday next.

In the House, Mr. Catlings, from the Committee on Rules, offered a joint resolution for the sine-die adjournment next Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 2 o'clock. It was adopted without division.

Mr. Catlings then moved that when the House adjourns to-day it be to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Load resisted the motion, making the point of no quorum on the rising vote, which resulted 76 to 10. He subsequently withdrew the point, however, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Terry (Ark., D.), from the Committee on Judiciary, asked unanimous consent to consider Senator Hill's bill providing for the exclusion and deportation of alien anarchists.

With it he offered an amendment which he said was designed to meet objections raised to the bill. It defined an anarchist as one "who advocates the destruction of the Government of the United States, or of the Government of the United States." Mr. English objected.

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SONS OF VETERANS.

The 13th Annual Encampment at Davenport, Iowa—Division News.

WORK OF COMMANDERY.

The Sons of Veterans Guards—Changes in the Ritual—Reports of the National Officers—The Elections—Commander-in-Chief Bundy—Staff.

Early on the morning of the 19th the advance-guard of the S. of V. began to arrive in Davenport, Iowa. Everywhere were evidences of the welcome prepared for them by the citizens.

The National officers of the organization are as follows: Commander-in-Chief, Joseph B. Macabre, Boston; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, C. O. Marshall, Bloomington, Ill.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, F. O. Wilkinson, Cincinnati; Council-in-Chief, Frank P. Merrill, Boston; John V. B. Clarkson, New York; Elias P. Lyon, Chicago; Adjt. Gen., Charles K. Darling, Boston; C. M. G. R. Loebenstein, Chicago; Inspector-General, Henry F. Frazee, Cleveland; Judge Advocate-General, W. H. Russell, Rush Center, Kan.; Surgeon-General, J. A. Averick, M. D., Covington, Ky.; Chaplain-in-Chief, Dr. E. Weldon Young, Seattle, Wash.

Col. H. S. Beckland, of Fremont, O., is Commandant of the military branch. Nearly all of these officials, accompanied by Col. E. L. Leonard, Col. C. B. Marshall, and Lieut. Col. Barry, Chicago; Quartermaster Loebenstein, Mayor George Harburt, of Belvidere, Ill., and Col. Bundy, of Ohio, the latter two being candidates for the office of Commander-in-Chief, arrived in Davenport, Iowa, on the morning of the 19th.

Commander-in-Chief Macabre established headquarters at the Hotel Hamilton, and on the morning of the 20th of the Commandery session of the 13th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans was held.

At the afternoon session the reports of the Senior and Junior Commanders, Adjutant-General, Inspector-General, Judge Advocate-General, Surgeon-General, and Chaplain-in-Chief were read. They showed betterment of the financial condition of the Order, but less membership in some divisions. In the evening, the reports of the Division Commanders were read. They showed betterment of the financial condition of the Order, but less membership in some divisions.

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THE GRAND ARMY.

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

COLORADO AND WYOMING.—Department Commander Rollins, on Aug. 11, issued a circular letter to the comrades of this Department. It is particularly appropriate at this time, and pledges the support of the G.A.R. in upholding the law. He says: "In view of the lessons of history learned in your efforts, by war, to suppress rebellion against the United States, its flag, its Constitution, and its laws; in view of the obligation you assume when mustered into this Order to defend and maintain this Government and its institutions, the recent events and the growing sentiment of disregard of the obligations of citizenship and of the social and property rights of others, should admonish every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as every honorable man who is by service in the army or navy of the United States eligible to membership in our ranks, that a serious crisis threatens us as a Nation."

Within the last year, great bodies of men, suffering under a sense of real or fancied wrong, instead of seeking redress through the constituted and legal channels through the courts, if the laws were adequate, or by legislation if inadequate, have undertaken by violence the destruction of property, and with some instances of human life, to correct the wrongs of which they complained.

Considered seriously and in its true light, the situation, varying only in degree from that which came so near effecting the total destruction of all Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, upon this subject, from which you and your comrades by the tender and in many cases the sacrifice of life, saved the Nation nearly 30 years ago.

No man can be loyal to his Government and its institutions, and at the same time look with indifference upon the open violation of its laws in the willful destruction of the lives and property of its citizens. In all the recent disturbances, no plea of ignorance or of political country the absence of the Grand Army badge and button has been especially noticeable. But this is not enough! By your voice, also by your example, proclaim your disappointment of every sentiment, as well as of every overt act, that leads to or springs from disloyalty to our flag, our Constitution, and our laws. By no means in good faith, but in the true spirit of the founders and preservers of this Nation, also to the solemn obligation assumed by you at the altar of your Post.

Anarchy cannot exist in equal rank side by side with loyalty in the same heart, in the same society, or in the same State.

In declaring your adherence to the principles of loyalty here enunciated you infringe no plea to refrain from discussion of political subjects in the Order. In true politics there is no place for disloyalty, either in sentiment or in practice. While not assuming to pass judgment upon the Government, or upon the conduct of its officers, or upon the conduct of its citizens, or upon the rights of its citizens, or upon the rights of its citizens, or upon the rights of its citizens, or upon the rights of its citizens, or